Ordered that the aforegoing Message be Sent to the house Original Journal by the honbil Robt Smith Esqr his Matys Chief Justice of the provinciall Court and Mr Willim Dent his Matys Attorny Gen11 Whoe returne and say they have delivered the Message Joseph Thomsons pet. read and referr'd to the house of Delegates.

This Board adjourned untill Munday Morning at eight of

the Clock.

Munday Octob: the 31st 1698.

The honble his Matys Councill Sate in Assembly present Col: Henry Iowles Colonel Charls Hutchins Colonel John addison Col: John Courts Thomas Brooke Esqr and James Frisby Esqr Came the following Message from the house of Delegates by Major Hamond Mr Staley and Mr Young Vizt

By the House of Delegates Octob 29th 1698.

In answer to the Message this day by the Honbil Thomas

Tench and James Frisby Esqrs

This house have read the Treaty made with the Indians at the head of the Bay by Colonel Thompson and others and do conceive that the Shawanore Indians came from the Southward and not any ways belonging to the Gov ment of new Yorke, and the Susquahañah Indians are at their old habitation Supposed to be without the Limitts of this province, and that this House has no Assurance of any Nation of Indians seated at the head of potomeck.

- 2 Nothing appearing to vs of any violation of such his Matys Royall Instruction the Same is referred to yor Excy and Councill.
- 3 Ordered that Major John Hamond Mr Thomas Staley and Mr Sam Young joyne in a Comittee with the honbl Thomas Tench and James Frisby Esqrs to inquire into the said Accis and make their Reports accordingly This house has Consided the petitions of the Rangers age Capt John Olton and Capt Rich^d Brightwell but for as much as the petition^rs are not at present in Towne but will come in few days, It is referred untill they come to Towne that they may better informe this house their petitions being so uncertain aud Darke

Signd p ord C: Gregory Cłk house Deleg^{ts}

In Answer whereto the following Message was sent by Colonel Courts and Esq^r Brooke